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MESSAGE FROM THE DISCOM CDR COL WILLIAM ROCHELLE:

In the next few months, our attention will turn towards the learning and completion of our mission. But in the next two weeks we should be thinking of our families. Now is the time to complete all the tasks that are required to take care of our families while we're gone. The first thing we all need to do is to get them involved in our "Family Readiness Group". Its next meeting is on 19 May at 7:00pm. This is where they'll make contact with people who can help them while we're gone. Another very important event is our "Family Mobilization Day" which starts on 22 May at 10:00am. This is where your family members will be able to get processed for ID cards, sign-up for their medical plans, and be briefed on other family programs. I cannot stress enough how important these programs are. We can never give our families enough information to cover every possible problem that may occur, but we can give them a source to go to! We owe it to our families to get them involved!

FROM CSM CHARLES J. THOMAS JR.:

I want to emphasize three important issues for the upcoming deployment. Each issue is important in itself and should stand alone in their ranking:

“KNOW YOUR JOB”

If you don't know your job by now, you are behind the curve. Start your personal upkeep training NOW!

“TAKE CARE OF YOUR FAMILY ISSUES”

You cannot have any distractions while you are deployed. Encourage your family members to get involved with our Family Readiness Group. Ask questions now and insure that family issues are resolved as soon as possible.

“PRACTICE SELF DISCIPLINE”

You are now Active Duty soldiers. You cannot turn your military duties and responsibilities off as if the weekend drill is over. You are soldiers 24/7. Other soldiers depend on you regardless of your rank or duty position. Practice "Self Discipline" every day and it will help you and others get through the tough times.

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HHC DISCOM EVENTS LISTING

12 & 24 May 2004, 0700 - Mobilization Dates.

Deployment dates are still a GO, still no orders to date.

12 May 2004, 0700 Formation – Key Leaders and School Personnel Mobilization at Somerset Armory.

12 May 2004, Suspense: –DUE: Section training plans. Security Clearance applications processed. Identify Advance (ADVON) party personnel. HOR to duty station mileage.

15 & 16 May 2004 – *Sports Memorabilia Show* at Somerset Armory Sat 0900-1700, Sun 1000-1600.

Proceeds to benefit families of troops who are deployed overseas. Support personnel to arrive at the Armory at 0730.

Our Supply SGT, SSG Schiessl will be on leave Mon & Tue, 17 & 18 May 2004, please plan accordingly.

19 May 2004, 1900 – First Sergeant’s meeting in preparation for weekend drill and mobilization. Need all Platoons, Section Sergeants/Leaders, and HHC Staff to attend.

22 & 23 May 2004, 0745 Formation – *Drill Weekend* at Somerset.

(Soldiers will be released to go home each night.)

22 May 2004 - *HHC Change of Command* CPT Gary Hackerd will be relieved by CPT Elizabeth Condon, formally of the 342nd Forward Support Battalion, at the first formation.

22 May 2004, 1000 – *Family Day* at Somerset Armory.

The following at a minimum will take place:

- ◆ Briefings on Tricare, USFHP insurance, Salvation Army, and Red Cross support.
- ◆ DEERS enrollment effective 24 May.
- ◆ Family member ID cards processed with photos, will be issued on 24 May.
- ◆ Lunch will be provided.

All Family Care Plans must be completed and turned in to First Sergeant on 22 May.
This is an Army requirement.

23 May 2004 – OCIE Issue for shortages (checklist enclosed) and prep for mobilization.

24, 25, 26 May 2004, 0730 Formation - Mobilization at Somerset

(Soldiers will be released to go home each night.) In-processing, OCIE issue, load for Mob. ADVON movement to Fort Dix is 25 May 2004. These soldiers will not be released.

24 and 27 May 2004 – Physical Security Plan will be in effect. All personnel assigned to detail during drill will report to the First Sergeant 23 May at 1300 hours. Additional personnel to be announced.

27 May 2004, 0600 Formation – **Convoy to Fort Dix - Mobilization Station.**

(Soldiers will not be released)

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No POVs at Fort Dix. POVs can stay at Somerset for families to pick up vehicles. Those soldiers that need to store POVs, will convoy to storage site on date TBD. No POVs are authorized to be left at Somerset Armory after this date.

Soldiers are encouraged during the week to come to the armory and check the Company Bulletin Board for additional information, i.e., DD form 2813 Dental form (\$2,500.00), DMV automatic extension, Alice pack (rucksack) shoulder straps.

Soldiers are encouraged during the week to come in and check CSM Mobilization News Board for new releases, Freedom Loan Plan, FRG meetings and fundraisers, 6% interest letter, pay information, etc.

Deployment Party, HHC, 42d DISCOM, scheduled for 8 May, at Wyndham Hotel is canceled.

PT Test for personnel attending PLDC, BNOC, ANOC will be conducted on Saturdays at 0700 at the armory, appointments must be coordinated with 1SG Birmingham NLT Friday prior to test.

STORAGE FOR POVs AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS:

Single soldiers interested in storage of goods/ POV must notify the 1SG ASAP and NLT 22 May 2004. These programs are for single soldiers who need to store personal property for the term of the deployment. HHC, DISCOM soldiers who think they need this service should see SGM Martin in the Family Assistance Center or PFC Lopez in the Orderly Room for the required forms and detailed instructions. Soldiers in other units can see SGM Martin or their First Sergeant.

In general, the programs work as described below:

POVs : The POV is stored at a contract facility near Fort Dix where the vehicle is stored and maintained until no later than 90 days after return from deployment. Only one vehicle is authorized per soldier. The Army will pay the contract facility for the storage. There are rules and procedures to follow! Get the details for your vehicle prior to mobilization.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: The transportation Section at Fort Dix will send a mover to your house, pack your goods and store them for the term of your deployment. If you choose to use a commercial storage company, you must pay the Storage Company, you must pay the storage costs, and request reimbursement at the end of your tour. You will be reimbursed up to the amount it would have cost the government to store your goods. Again, get the details prior to contacting Fort Dix.

Sergeant Major Martin can be reached at (732) 937-6290 during business hours or at home at (732) 223-6923. If you cannot get to the Armory, Private First Class Lopez will fax the 13 – pages of instructions and forms to you upon request.

1SG Birmingham